

I am in agreement with the ARRL stance of refarming the Novice CW sub-bands, but feel that the refarming does not go far enough. The present General and Advanced Class bands should be combined into one sub band due to the fact that technically the Advance Class license only exists for those that presently hold it.

The phone bands are clearly the method of choice for communications in Amateur Radio today, and with the ease of entry into the General Class operating segments these bands are becoming extremely crowded. The only way to help eliminate this crowding is to expand the phone bands without infringing on existing General and Extra class CW bands. Combining the General and Advanced class phone bands - as proposed by the ARRL to the Advance class limits - into one phone band for both General and those Advance class operators that remain would go a long way towards spreading out the congestion that now exists.

Any Novice or Technician/Technician Plus operator with HF privileges should be given full access to the ten meter band with the exception of the Extra Class CW sub-band. This will help to prevent the overcrowding of the band between 28.300 mhz and 28.500 that presently exists. They should be allowed all modes in the ten meter band, and should have CW access to the General portions of the CW bands on 80, 40, 20, and 15 meters.

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